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Region VI

MEMORANDUM

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Region VI

DATE: April 21, 1982

SUBJ: Subcontract support for Monochem, Geismar, LA
(TDD #F-6-8203-7)

By referenced TDD, the Region VI FIT was tasked to assist the NEIC and EPA in obtaining samples at the Monochem facility in Geismar, Louisiana. The FIT was required to hire a subcontractor to operate a forklift and handle drums. The subcontractor obtained was Environmental Construction Specialist (ECS) of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. FIT representatives J.P. Ozer and Alcee Chriss directed the efforts of ECS.

The work was to originally have been accomplished in three days (April 7-9). Since April 9, 1982, was a holiday, however, efforts had to be escalated to accomplish the work in two nine hour work days. On Wednesday April 7, 1982, the site was entered at 8:00 am. After specific drum identification numbers were provided by Mr. Will Focht (EPA Region VI), the FIT began to search for the drums. By early afternoon, all drums (16) had been located. The NEIC sampled twelve of the drums before the team left the site.

On Thursday, April 8, the NEIC representatives completed sampling. At the direction of Mr. Focht, four drums were prepared for shipment to a metallurgy lab in Oklahoma City, OK. Deteriorated drums were removed with their contents from overpacked drums and then placed into clean recovery drums with packing material. These drums were transported by van to New Orleans for shipment via air cargo to Oklahoma City, OK.

Prior to departure from the site, ECS removed all contaminated materials (including spill cloth, gloves, trash, absorbent material, soil) resulting from the sampling operation. This work was inspected and approved by Dick Crawford, Monochem Chemist.

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The FIT took custody of a set of samples collected by NEIC. These samples were shipped to Dallas for storage at EPA's Shady Trail Laboratory. Chain of Custody documentation is attached to this report.

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